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**Applicant:** Koblish et al.

**Serial No.:** 09/737,176

**Filing Date:** December 13, 2000

**Title:** Surgical Probe For Supporting Inflatable Therapeutic Devices In Contact With Tissue In Or Around A Body Orifice And Within Tumors

**Group Art Unit:** 3739

**Examiner:** Peffley

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION**

**DATED JUNE 18, 2002**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 18, 2002, time for response to which has been extended by the enclosed petition to December 18, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

*Please cancel claims 2, 29-32, 34 and 35 without prejudice.*

*Please rewrite claims 1, 5, 6, 9-13, 15, 17-19, 21, 24-27 and 33 in the following amended form:*

1 (Amended) A surgical probe, comprising:  
a relatively short, relatively stiff shaft defining a distal portion and a proximal portion; and  
an inflatable, energy transmitting lesion formation element associated with the distal portion of the shaft that allows substantially no liquid perfusion therethrough.

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